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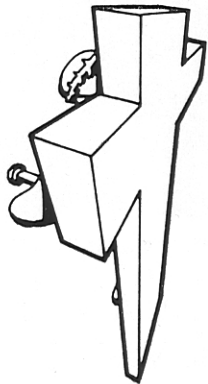
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THE RUSTY NAIL



I was making a table, Lord. (You remember my wife gave me a power tool set for Christmas?) And I needed cedar.

Salvaged it was from an old building.
Other hands had squared it long ago and now it was to remake.

To remold in that same creative pattern.
When . . . suddenly . . . the pliers slipped.

And the rusty nail tore my hand.
O Lord! The pain!

Right across my palm with searing heat, it broke the skin and the blood came.

I looked down. At my hand.

Beyond I could see the fallen plank had crossed another. A Cross.
I thought, Lord, of your dear hands.

The hands that stretched in healing, touching a cripple whole.
Fingers that lifted the hood of blindness from unseeing eyes to behold the joy of new sight.

Of the hand that held the loaves and fish.
And blessed.

Of hands that held the bread and said, "This is my body . . . This do."

The hands that, as a chubby babe, held close the maid of Nazareth.
And fingers clasped in prayer for all the world.

"Blessed are they," you said, with outstretched hands.

And blessed am I, as I stand and look at my hand, bloodied, and the casual cross.

For I see beyond, another rusty nail.

Hammered, blow by blow, across the centuries, into your hand — at Easter.

I see the muscles stretched. The quivering pain. The flexing finger, pointing it seems, at me, saying, at Easter, and always,

"I did this.

For you."

Amen.

—from *Prayers for Pagans*, Rober Bush



Our Great, Infinite and Eternal God!

On this Anniversary of that surprise Easter, we join the multitudes of Thy followers that throng Thy church today. We come exulting with praise to Thee our Resurrected Lord.

We pray that on this day Thy Word may reach a sensitive spot in hearts whose ardor seems to cool on the days following Easter. Strengthen the abilities of the faithful; give them encouragement as they serve Thee surrounded by indifferent, sinful, unbelieving and hostile peoples. Make the faithful mindful of their part in Thy directed mission of reaching the unsaved in the world which Thou loved enough to see sacrificed Thine only begotten Son.

Look at us of the Southeast Conference —this segment of Thy great world-wide Church. Illumine our vision! Exploit our resources! Draw on our reserves and unify our purposes.

We crave Thy divine forgiveness and mercy for our failures to plant more aptly in Thy vineyard. Remove selfishness from us. Give us a firmer comprehension of absolute Brotherhood. Let it be practically applied among us instead of being held as an abstract truth.

Reach into individual families, Lord. Thou knowest the diversity of needs. Be patient with the erring, lift the fallen, restore the tempted. May Thy gentle love protect little children, guide energetic youth, and comfort the aged.

Into Thy gracious keeping we lay our lives this day. Lead us toward full reception into Thy everlasting kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord we pray. Amen.

—Floyd M. Price, Garden City, Ala.

Cole Lectures Are Planned, April 11-12

Dr. Robert N. Bellah, Professor of Sociology and Chairman of the Center for Japanese and Korean Studies, University of California, Berkeley, will be the Cole Lecturer at the Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. Lectures are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11 and 12, 1972, dealing with "The Religious Dimension of the Current Crisis in American Society."

The series will begin with a worship service on Tuesday, 9 A. M., when Professor Leander Keck will deliver the sermon. Dr. Bellah will lecture at 11; at 2 P. M. a workshop on new liturgical forms of worship will be held, planned by stu-

dents and faculty members from Vanderbilt Divinity School and the School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

On Tuesday at 7:30 P. M., the second lecture will be given, followed by a reception for the lecturer and visitors. The 9 A. M. Wednesday worship will be led by faculty members and students from Sewanee, with Professor Jack Gessell preaching. At 11 A. M., Dr. Bellah will present his final lecture.

A special feature of the two-day program will be the participation of the entire student body and faculty of the School

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ANNOUNCING

SATURDAY, MAR. 4, 11:30 A. M.—Southern Area Alabama Moderators, Holiday in East Montgomery, Ala.

FRIDAY EVENING THROUGH SUNDAY NOON, MAR. 10-12 — SEC Youth Annual Event, Camp Sumatanga, north Alabama.

SATURDAY, MAR. 11, 10:30 A. M.—Ala., Tenn. Executive Council at Camp Sumatanga.

SUNDAY, MAR. 12 — *One Great Hour of Sharing — Share Our Substance.*

SUNDAY, MAR. 26 — *Palm Sunday.*

SUNDAY - SATURDAY, MAR. 26 - APRIL 2 — *Holy Week.*

THURSDAY, MAR. 30 — *Maundy Thursday.*

FRIDAY, MAR. 31 — *Good Friday.*

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 — *Easter Day.*

REPORT GIVEN ON HOLY LAND TRIP

In a recent issue of a newspaper from the "Valley" area of eastern Alabama, Mrs. Bill (Joan) Hodnett wrote a graphic description of a trip she, her husband and several "Valleyans" took to the Holy Land late in December 1971. Trip leader was Rev. Terrell Whaley, pastor of Huguley Congregational Christian Church, Lanett, Ala.

Traveling via Holland and Athens, Greece, the party experienced frustration when an eight-hour delay confined them to the Athens Airport. Eventually they did arrive at Tel-Aviv, thus beginning a memorable experience in the "Bible lands." Particularly impressive were the boat ride in the misty morning across the Sea of Galilee; the recollection of Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan, and walking the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. They were able to tour the excavated village of Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

Back in Greece the pilgrims toured points of interest in and around Athens, including old Corinth where the Apostle Paul preached. Back home they came via Nicosia, Cyprus; Frankfurt, Germany; Amsterdam, Holland; New York and Atlanta.

Bill and Joan Hodnett are grateful to members of Todd Church, where Bill is pastor, for making this trip possible, both through financial contributions and through carrying on the church's work in their absence.

We Were Guests Of B. H. M.

Tuesday evening, February 8, 1972, was a high moment in the life of Southeast Conference people. We were guests for dinner and for the evening of the Executive Committee of the Board for Homeland Ministries. The Committee held a two-day session in Atlanta. Southeast Conference people were seated at various tables and met members and staff of the Board.

Program at dinner included a slide-tape presentation entitled, "Mission Southeast" and developed by the Rev. Miss Emilie Pitcock. Portrayed were historical scenes and personalities that had a part in the formation of the Conference before 1966. Also depicted were geographical distances, widely scattered churches, the variety of people making up the churches, patterns of giving and membership growth.

A panel, following the visual presentation, revealed some of the plans, hopes and dreams of the Conference.

As the evening drew to a close, Southeast Conference people felt warmth of fellowship and partnership with the Board for Homeland Ministries. Our thanks to Dr. Spragg and his associates for this experience.

—W. J. Andes

BOOKSTORE CHANGES

Recently, our United Church Bookstores merged with the Westminster Bookstore System of the United Presbyterian Church. Now, an additional merger can be announced. Beginning in August, 1972, the Cokesbury Bookstore System of the United Methodist Church will be the umbrella organization under which United Methodists, United Presbyterians, and members of the United Church of Christ will find bookstore services.

Since Cokesbury operates nineteen walk-in bookstores across the country, you may find it more convenient than ever to drop in and sample what's available from our own United Press and other publishers. In addition, Cokesbury maintains six regional service centers to serve churches on a mail-order basis. Located in Dallas, Texas; Richmond, Virginia; Park Ridge, Illinois; Teaneck, New Jersey; Nashville, Tennessee; and San Francisco, California; these will provide efficient service for orders of books and supplies. A new catalog will be available shortly. *Until August 1, you should continue to direct your inquiries to the Westminster Bookstores.*



DR. HOMER C. McEWEN

McEwen 25th Anniversary To Be Marked

A weekend of celebration, March 17-19, 1972, will mark the 25th Anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Homer C. McEwen at First Congregational Church, U.C.C., Atlanta, Ga.

Beginning with a dinner on Friday evening at the Royal Coach Motor Inn, events will culminate in the Sunday morning worship service at the church, at 11 A. M. Rev. Harold H. Wilke, Executive Director, Council for Church and Ministry, will be guest speaker.

Reservations (\$12.50 per person) for the dinner may be made through Rev. Donald S. Daughtry, First Congregational Church, 105 Courtland St., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

Those who wish to submit a testimonial to be included in a booklet to be presented to Dr. McEwen should send these as soon as possible to the Rev. Mr. Daughtry at the above address.

Our Sympathy To . . .

Mrs. J. B. (Alice) Wright, in the recent passing of Mr. Wright, in Savannah, Ga., while attending a concert there.

Mrs. George R. Watson, in the death, Saturday, February 5, of the Rev. Mr. Watson, retired pastor of churches in Alabama.

Rev. Mr. Millard Sims and family of Dacula, Ga., in the passing on Sunday, February 6, of Mr. Willie L. Sims.



Flight To Bangladesh

Ten thousand cheering Bengalis turned out to greet two DC-6 cargo planes when they arrived in January at the Dacca airport, Bangladesh, to herald the beginning of a massive air shuttle of food, blankets, and medicines for the Bangladesh people. Unhampered by governmental red tape, the World Council of Churches was able to begin aid immediately. Before this aid program has been completed, Church World Service of the National Council of Churches (through which our own U.C.C. relief funds are channeled) will have contributed at least \$2,000,000 in funds and relief supplies.

In addition to the 10,000,000 refugees who had fled to India, some 20,000,000 homeless remained within the war-torn country. An estimated 60,000 villages had been severely damaged. More than 250 bridges had been destroyed. The estimated shortage of grain mounted to 1,800,000 tons. One-third of the school and university buildings had been destroyed.

Your generous gifts to the annual *One Great Hour of Sharing* — *Share Our Substance* all-church offering help make possible the emergency fund from which our



The Friendly Belly At Biloxi

Back Bay Mission, at Biloxi, Miss., has begun its first food buyers' club through the initiative of three new volunteers, Tom and Sally Gottshall and Cyndi Gore.

The food buyers' club is presently dealing in fresh fruit and vegetables. Each week a list of produce which will probably be available is prepared. Persons wishing to participate weekly fill out a buyer's list, returning it to the Mission on Monday along with the estimated cost of the produce they wish to purchase. Lists are combined to determine quantities of produce needed to fill the orders. Then a fast trip is made to the French Market in New Orleans where the produce is bought in quantity to fill the orders for that week. On Tuesday, the individual orders are packaged and each food club participant picks up his produce between 2 and 7 P. M. at the Mission. If some ordered produce was unavailable or if there was a price change, monies are returned to the purchaser.

The Friendly Belly hopes to improve diets of low-income families in the Biloxi area by making fresh fruit and vegetables available at a minimum cost. Participation in the club also encourages people to include these very important items in their family's diet.

—*The Changing Tides*

Extend Your Horizons

Read Your

Church Magazines

United Church Board for World Ministries gives to such needs whenever they arise. The Bangladesh emergency has all but depleted available funds, however, and they must be replaced before other disasters of similar nature strike.

What can you do? If your congregation has not yet done so, urge leaders to receive a special offering for OGHS-SOS and forward the receipts to the Southeast Conference office, carefully identified as "OGHS-SOS." Give as generously as you can to such an offering. Should your congregation not be participating in OGHS-SOS, send your gift to the Southeast Conference office. And thanks from the millions of recipients who will share in your beneficence!!

World Council Of Churches In Context

Ever since the *Reader's Digest* published two highly-biased articles on the World Council of Churches, conference and national offices of the United Church of Christ have received numerous inquiries about the WCC and its fund to combat racism. Contrary to what the *Digest* articles implied, funds given the WCC have not been used to support revolution abroad or rebellion at home. Indeed, the *Digest* itself has agreed to print a rebuttal article in the near future.

Members of the U.C.C. have asked what monies our denomination has contributed to the World Council of Churches. President Moss has pointed out that we spent \$46,000 in 1971 in funds from *Our Christian World Mission* to support administrative costs of the WCC. In addition, the United Church Board for World Ministries in 1971 spent \$55,000 for specific program of the WCC: \$12,000 for Medical Surveys, and \$40,000 for work and Evangelism, \$3,000 for Christian work of its Division of World Mission of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service. In addition to similar amounts for these same purposes in 1972, the board has budgeted \$5,000 for the council's program to combat racism. Thus the total amount given by the board for this particular program is about a quarter of one cent per member of the United Church of Christ! The WCC had made abundantly clear the fact that this fund is for only "humanitarian purposes such as legal aid and social, health, and educational services", for the supported organizations which work in behalf of the victims of racial oppression around the world.

As one famous American might put it, "We want to make this one thing perfectly clear: In short, the contributions of the United Church of Christ to the programs of the World Council of Churches must be seen in context and put in perspective."

A Good Steward Lets His Compassion Work Overtime





Rev. Willard Kratz Retires

Rev. Willard A. Kratz came to Pleasant Hill Community Church on January 1, 1970, from St. Johns Church, Dayton, Ohio, where he had served for 8½ years. His previous pastorates were in Erie, Pennsylvania for ten years, and Catasauqua, Pennsylvania for twenty-one years.

About 70 percent of the members of Community Church are also residents in the Uplands Retirement Center. The church had 108 members when he came here; 34 new members have joined the church since then, two by confirmation and 32 by transfer. He says that much of the growth of the church was also growth of Uplands.

In 1969 Pleasant Hill's commitment to Our Christian World Mission was \$950.00. Each year it has been increased to the current commitment of \$1500.00, in addition to generous offerings to OGHs and NIN.

One significant undertaking was a series of small seminars running from three to six weeks each, dealing with such subjects as our Christian World Mission, the origin of the Bible, peace and world power, etc.

The Board of Deacons recommended that Mr. Kratz continue as an interim pastor for three months at the same salary arrangement. The pulpit committee is engaged in finding his successor.

Rev. and Mrs. Kratz plan to remain in the Uplands Retirement Center and are in the process of planning for their housing.

Among Our Churches

Ron O'Brien is no longer serving as pastor of Evarts, Ky. Church. Mr. W. A. Buckner, Church Clerk, reports that the pulpit is being supplied each week.

Stearns, Ky., Community Church voted May 31, 1971, to dissolve after many years of service. The Women's Guild continues to minister in the community.

Rev. Tom Medders has been called to Mt. Olive Church, Tallassee, Ala. He has moved into the parsonage and will be installed on Sunday, March 5.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe French have moved to 716 McCarter Dr., Roanoke, Ala. 36274. Only partially retired, Mr. French has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Roanoke.

Rev. William Dixon Gray serves as interim minister at First Church, Nashville, Tenn., although Rev. John Roemer and family live in the parsonage and are helping with the work of the church. The Pulpit Committee is seeking a new pastor.

Dr. David Beebe and family are moving into the parsonage of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., and will begin their ministry there March 1, 1972. The parsonage, at 1800 Crestwood Drive, has been repainted and a new heating and air conditioning system has been installed.

Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Scott, Jr., and family will be moving into their new home, 3941 Briarglen Ct., Doraville, Ga., 30340. He will begin his ministry at Central Church, Atlanta, March 1. The Scotts are coming from Barrington, R. I.

Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater now live at their lakeside home at Route 1, Box 246A, Soddy, Tenn., 37379. They have done extensive renovation on the house and look forward to their retirement there.

Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, recently retired from the active ministry, has spent five weeks in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., conducting a survey for the Southeast Conference and the Board for Homeland Ministries. Their home is at 265 Tara Trail, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30327.

Dr. Wilson Q. Welch, professor of Religion at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., continues to serve Howard Church as pastor. Recently the church paid off their loan from the Board for Homeland Ministries, celebrating this achievement with a dinner and special service.



Dr. David I. Naglee Interim At LaGrange

Dr. David I. Naglee, an associate professor in the Department of Religion and Philosophy, LaGrange College, is serving as Interim Pastor of United Congregational Christian Church, LaGrange, Georgia. He is no stranger to the congregation, having served the church for nine months in 1967.

An ordained Methodist minister, Dr. Naglee served several pastorates before coming to LaGrange College in 1966. He is also an accomplished musician. In addition to being a vocalist, he has performed on the cello, string bass, flute, piano, organ, mandolin and the musical saw. He, his wife and their five children enjoy playing and singing together; they have presented musical programs for school, church and civic groups throughout the LaGrange area. Other musical endeavors include playing in the Columbus, Ga. Symphony Orchestra, tuning pianos, and composing hymns. He also repairs radios and TV's, composes poetry, and works on the pit crew for a racing automobile. He teaches a Sunday School class at First United Methodist Church, LaGrange and is a troop committee member for Boy Scouts. For two years he directed a tutorial program for indigent children.

Dr. Naglee began his work with LaGrange United Church on January 2, 1972, and will serve until the church can secure a pastor.

—Mrs. Emmett Bailey

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Emory M. Carter Dies

The Rev Emory M. Carter, 93, retired pastor in the Southern Conference, died on January 2, 1972, in Raleigh, N. C.

A native of Wadley, Alabama, Mr. Carter was born in 1878. He was the founder and first minister of Wadley, Alabama, Christian (UCC) Church, organized in 1911.

He served the LaGrange and Oak Grove Christian Churches in Georgia and the Lanett, Antioch, New Hope and Wadley Churches in Alabama. He also served churches in North Carolina.

Mr. Carter was married to Miss Lovie J. Floyd of Chipley, Ga., on April 22, 1908. Mrs. Carter died several years ago. Mrs. Fred Hart, Raleigh, N. C., one of their four daughters, survives.

Memorial services were conducted in the Youngsville Church on January 4, 1972 by the Rev. Ronald Vaughn, pastor, the Rev. Frank Apple, retired UCC minister, and the Rev. Clyde L. Fields, Association conference minister for Eastern North Carolina.

MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, The Rev. Emory M. Carter, a native of this area, an ordained minister of the gospel for more than seventy years, has given years of consecrated service to the Lord through his personal life and through the churches both in Alabama and North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Emory M. Carter was the founder and first minister of the Wadley Christian Church and

WHEREAS, Brother Carter has now been called to his heavenly reward in the "house not made by hands," eternal in the heavens,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

(1) That we give thanks to God that He called Brother Carter to this great life of Christian service, a service for which we of this church are especially grateful, and

(2) That we pray God's blessing upon all this work he has done to the end and that his influence shall continue through all the future years, and

(3) That we express our sympathy to those who now are in sorrow because of his passing, and

(4) That copies of these resolutions be sent to his family, to the SOUTHERN NEWS and the SOUTHEAST NEWS and that a copy be placed in the minutes of this church.

By vote of the Wadley Christian Church

News From Rock Springs

Rock Springs Church, Alabama, has been making some real progress these days. The church has acquired new pews, a well has been drilled in the rear of the church which will more than supply its needs; arrangements are being made to add bathroom facilities in the church building. In the past two years about twenty new members have been added to the rolls, making the total number of members about ninety—according to old records. We are planning to purchase a new ledger at which time we will revise the roll, checking off those who have died and trying to find the missing ones.

This congregation is really moving forward and deserve a great deal of credit for its accomplishments and enthusiasm.

—Rev. Paul Pike, Pastor



Midway Church Planning Addition

Members of Midway Congregational Church, McIntosh, Ga., have drawn up plans for an extensive addition to their building, including a steeple to be added to the present tower, several classrooms, and fellowship hall.

It is anticipated that the steeple will be in place by Easter 1972. Rooms will be added as funds are available.

With their building located on property adjoining Dorchester Center, the Midway congregation is very much involved in community activities which include the Center; a community-wide swimming program, other recreation, and school extension efforts. The church building addition will provide additional facilities for an even wider ministry.

Dr. James Eaton of Savannah is pastor.

ch January 9, in the year of our Lord, 1972.

—A. R. Van Cleave, Minister

Installation Held For Rev. George C. Hawkins

The Rev. George C. Hawkins was installed as pastor of First Congregational Christian Church, Montgomery, Alabama, on Sunday afternoon, January 30, 1972. Various ministers of the city participated in the service, with Dr. Felix E. James, pastor of Hall St. Baptist Church, Montgomery, preaching.

The Rev. W. Walter Hall, pastor of First Congregational Christian Church, Lanett, Alabama, licensed and installed Mr. Hawkins. The Conference Minister, W. J. Andes, had the prayer of installation and the charge to the Church. Mr. Hawkins and his family have moved into the parsonage and will be living there in the near future. Mrs. Hawkins is serving as a teacher in the public schools in Atlanta.

Born in Birmingham, Ala., in 1943, the Rev. Mr. Hawkins was licensed to the ministry by Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Birmingham. Later he served as assistant pastor and youth minister until going to college.

Prior to accepting the Montgomery call, Mr. Hawkins has been serving as assistant to the pastor of Rush Memorial Church in Atlanta, Ga. He has had part of his college education in Virginia Union College, Los Angeles City College, and Los Angeles State College. He has served in the U. S. Army and was a police liaison representative for the Armed Forces Induction Station in Los Angeles, California.

He is married to the former Angeline M. Marshall. They are the parents of a daughter, Monica, 10 months old.

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Rev. Melvin Dollar To Move To California

Rev. Melvin Dollar, Minister of Church Extension of the Florida Conference for the past nine years, resigned that position to become pastor of Bethel Congregational Church, Ontario, California, effective June 1, 1972. During his ministry in Florida, twenty-eight new churches have been developed, adding strength to the Florida Conference.

Mr. Dollar has assisted the Southeast Conference during the past two years as the Florida Conference was willing for him to utilize his time and energy as he was able to do so. He shared in the life of our churches at Columbus and Phenix City, Huntsville, Roanoke, and more recently at Fort Walton Beach, Fla. A rapid speaker and one who moved swiftly, he wrote proposals that were descriptive and challenging. We shall miss his ministry among us.

As the Dollars return to California, they will be near their daughter, Andra, and her family. We bid them Godspeed.

SHARE Becomes A Reality!

If you want to know how other churches are seeking to be relevant in Christian education, if your church is innovative in Christian education approaches — *Share* is for you!

A pilot issue of *Share* came off the press in the fall of 1971. Response to its questionnaires indicated a desire for its continuance. Three JED (Joint Educational Development) denominations — Episcopal, Presbyterian Church in the U. S., and United Church of Christ — are participating in developing a general section; two of the other three JED denominations will announce its publication to their people.

Each U.C.C. Church will receive one free copy of *Share*, consisting of an eight-page general section and a four-page denominational insert. Additional copies will be available on an annual subscription basis of \$2.50 for four issues: May, August, November and February.

To order: Write UCBHM Division of Publication, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102, and ask for a subscription to *Share*. Enclose \$2.50 or include billing information. Also, if you have some-



SKILLSHOP HELD IN SAVANNAH, GA.

About thirty-five persons attended the Skillshop at First Church, Savannah, Ga., Sunday, February 13. Presided over by Mr. Franklin Thomas, Atlanta, and members of the U.C.C. Council for Lay Life and Work, the general session opened with singing, led by Mr. Thomas, followed by an introductory concern expressed for meaningful planning within local congregations.

Three simultaneous sessions dealt with planning in areas of lay efforts, led by Mr. Thomas; stewardship led by Mr. Bruce Sutherland, also of Atlanta; and Christian education under the leadership of Mrs. Paul (Barbara) Kingston, of Charleston, S. C. As the groups came back for a wrap-up, it was noted how they had covered virtually the same areas of planning emphases.

During refreshment time, arranged by women of the Savannah congregation, Mr. Thomas met with representatives of Midway, Savannah and Charleston Plymouth churches to determine what further events might be undertaken by churches of the area. Tentative suggestions included a May gathering at Dorchester Center. Mrs. Sally Roberts of Midway is handling details.

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of Theology, University of the South, as guests of the Vanderbilt Divinity School community.

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—Guy C. Colbert

thing innovative to share from your church, send such information to *Share* at the same address.

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Elon Home for Children doesn't feel it is imposing upon its friends by suggesting that if you will save your coupons and trading stamps again, they can outfit their Social Service Department with a small sedan. Such a vehicle would replace the antiquated car now in use.

A car is a necessity for the Department's transportation, investigation, and supervision of children. It is rare for it to carry more than two or three at a time, and a four-door "compact" in the low-priced range will fill the needs of the Department. No need for a bus nor a truck, which you already have so kindly made possible.

Giving trading stamps and coupons is the most "painless" way of helping the Home. They'll take any of them. If they won't apply toward the car, they can exchange them for other things — sometimes "swap" them for stamps which will apply. Car-buying stamps include Gold Bond, King Korn, Gold Bond Certificates, Plaid, Triple S. United Trading, and Red Scissors coupons. Send stamps to Elon Home For Children, Elon College, N. C. 27244.

MEMO TO TRUSTEES: Planning Ahead For Crisis In The Nation

How important to do the right things at the right time! Sometimes, the best of motives can be thwarted by some small deed left undone. For instance, your congregation may be immobilized next fall, despite all its good intentions, if you have not properly authorized participation in the *Crisis in the Nation* program and the receiving of the *Neighbors in Need All-Church offering*.

The important work of our Commission for Racial Justice depends upon congregations participating in *The Crisis in the Nation* program (giving the equivalent of one to five percent of local current expenses to the cause). Many congregations count on the *Neighbors in Need All-Church offering* to provide the major part of this support. Therefore, act now—at your very next Consistory or Church Council meeting — to authorize the participation of your congregation in these appeals. It is really very important.